

was originally settled by Lipans, Kiowa, Kickapoo and Comanche Indians. The Indians named the area "quichi" (pronounced kee-chee) after the large brown bird with white feathers on its tail and tips of its wings. Quihi was founded in 1844 by Henri Castro on the banks of what was to be called Quihi Creek.

Quihi was established in March 1846 by 10 families of German/French colonists brought to Texas by Emprasio Henri Castro. Families set out from Castroville and moved 10 miles west to site at Quihi Lake. Original settlers in the area came from Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, Belgium and Mexico. This area was attacked by Indians shortly after settlement and several times thereafter. It is the site of first public free school in Medina County as well as a German-English school. The population of the community grew through the latter part of 19th century but began to dwindle after the 1900s, as young people moved to other nearby towns and cities. Today only a few families remain in this community surrounded by heavily settled farm land. Many family-owned businesses, farms and ranches are still owned by descendants of the original families.

Several of Texas' greatest Legends like Pappy Selph, Caesare Masse, and Cliff Bruner have spent many nights in Dance Halls like this. I extend my most sincere congratulations to the Quihi Gun Club on their 120th Anniversary. I am proud of their success and hope that they continue to expand their club membership as they provide their services not only to their community, but to audiences from all over for many years to come.

Early this month the town of Quihi was struck by a devastating flood of the Quihi Creek. Three businesses closed, the area was temporarily without electricity and a large section of pavement was washed away on FM 2676. According to newspaper reports the Quihi Gun Club and Dance Hall was hit with two feet of water and had a slightly damaged dance floor. Despite the damage, the public dance proceeded as scheduled that week.

The history of this beautiful, small rural community can boast of their heritage for over 160 years. It is delightful that the traditions of the Quihi Gun Club can add to this exemplary and truly American community. I am proud to represent the people of Quihi and to recognize the Quihi Gun Club and its integral role in the Quihi community and Medina County.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JUDGE
EDWARD B. DAVIS

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of a good man and pay tribute to a dear friend, Judge Edward B. Davis. Judge Davis passed away on May 24, 2010; he was 77.

I had the privilege of serving alongside Judge Davis in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida. Judge Davis and I were attorneys in 1979 when we received the distinct and humbling honor of being appointed to the bench by President Jimmy Carter. My memories of serving on the bench with Judge Davis are lasting impressions that keep with me to this day.

Ned, as we so affectionately called him, displayed all the characteristics of a brilliant judge. He had a keen intellect that allowed him to see to the heart of a matter and render a verdict that was considered fair by all parties. Ned is remembered and envied as an evenhanded and empathetic jurist. No matter who came before Judge Davis, they were assured a fair hearing under the law.

Any judge can employ the law, but it was Ned's humanistic dimension that made him great. I like to say that he had a heart as big as he was tall. He served a cause bigger than himself, never allowing his personal beliefs to obstruct the clarity of the law and the best interests of his beloved home of South Florida.

Ned made sure that he always had a life outside his chambers, a goal that gave him perspective on the bench. He would often joke that being a judge was his "second favorite job." A talented athlete, I always enjoyed hearing stories of his professional days with the Detroit Tigers. Sharing a drink after a long week to discuss family life with Ned are some of the memories that I hold most dear.

Madam Speaker, we have lost a giant of South Florida. Ned's presence will be sorely missed and is impossible to replace. He put forward a significant number of undertakings in Florida as a lawyer, judge, and citizen. Ned has passed, but he left a legacy we can all take part in. His contributions to society should serve as a reminder of our responsibility to others and our duty to leave a positive impression of our own.

My thoughts and prayers are with his wife of 52 years, Pat; three children, Diana, Ned, and Traci; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren at this most difficult time. I was fortunate enough to call Ned a friend. His family can be so proud to call him a husband and father. I will miss him dearly.

IN HONOR OF T. BOONE PICKENS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of T. Boone Pickens, who has made a major impact on our world through his advocacy and philanthropic missions.

Mr. Pickens was born on May 22nd, 1928 and raised in the Great Plains of Holdenville, Oklahoma during the Great Depression. His father, Thomas Boone Pickens, and mother, Grace Molonson Pickens, both worked in the oil industry. He grew up across the street from his grandmother, Nellie Molonson, and an aunt, Ellie Reed, both of whom were extremely influential in teaching him the importance of responsibility, self-sufficiency and accountability.

Mr. Pickens began his working at the age of 12 with a paper route. His route started out small, yet quickly grew from a customer base of 28 to nearly 130 customers. The business principals of expansion and acquisition, combined with his strong intellect, work ethic and unwavering drive to succeed, elevated Mr. Pickens to the stature of one of the wealthiest oil moguls in the world before he was forty.

Mr. Pickens' great financial success in the oil sector has allowed him to recommit his work toward lowering greenhouse gas pollu-

tion. Mr. Pickens' philanthropic efforts have totaled more than a billion dollars. He created the Pickens Foundation, the mission of which is to improve lives by providing funds for the creation of programs in the areas of medical research, athletics, education and the environment.

Both Mr. Pickens and his wife, Madeleine Pickens, are also lifelong animal rights activists. They have led the effort to outlaw the slaughter of horses in America, and recently, they have focused on saving and protecting the tens of thousands of wild mustang horses and their natural habitats.

Madam Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honor of T. Boone Pickens, whose focus on innovation and public service has contributed significantly to our nation.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. RAMESH S.
GULRAJANI, MD, FCCP

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 27, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Ramesh S. Gulrajani.

Dr. Gulrajani graduated from the University of Bombay, India in 1975 close to the top of his class. Shortly thereafter he began his Internal Medicine training at the Brooklyn Cumberland Medical Center where he also completed a fellowship in pulmonary medicine. He is board certified in internal medicine and pulmonary medicine and has been in private practice in those fields at the Brooklyn Hospital Center since 1981.

In 1984, Dr. Gulrajani was appointed Director of the Medical Intensive Care Unit (MICU) and was subsequently promoted to Chief of Pulmonary/Critical Care Medicine, Vice Chairman, and then Chairman of the Department of Internal Medicine. Culminating his academic career at the Brooklyn Hospital Center, he was appointed Associate Chief Medical Officer in 2007. He is currently an Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University. Over the years, he has been responsible for training numerous medical students, medical residents, and pulmonary fellows. He has also co-authored a number of articles in scientific journals, a chapter in a pulmonary medicine text, and has been a speaker at national medical meetings.

Dr. Gulrajani has received numerous awards over the years from the Brooklyn Hospital Center including the Annual Social Service Award, Nurses Recognition Award, the annual award from the professional staff of the Brooklyn Hospital Center for Dedication and Distinguished Service, as well as the Distinguished Pulmonary Medicine Award from the American Lung Association. He was inducted to the "wall of fame" by the American Lung Association and named as one of the "Top Doctors in New York" by Castle, Connolly Medical Guide and by New York Magazine, as one of America's Top Doctors by Consumer Research Council of America, and as a Premier Provider of Quality and Efficient Care by United Health Care, among other honors. In his spare time, Dr. Gulrajani is also actively involved in community service in Brooklyn and in India.

Dr. Gulrajani's daughter, Samara, works at the New York Methodist Hospital and his son